

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended): A data transmission apparatus comprising:

- an input unit, arranged to input data;
- a transmission unit, arranged to transmit the data inputted by said input unit to a destination;
- a discrimination unit, arranged to discriminate an attribute of the data inputted by said input unit;
- a storage unit, arranged to store the data inputted by said input unit as a file;

and

- a control unit, arranged to control a transmission operation of said transmission unit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained by said discrimination unit,

wherein said control unit selectively controls a transmission operation such that said transmission unit transmits the data inputted by said input unit to the destination, or such that said transmission unit transmits storage location information and a message indicative of an access manner for accessing the file, which is stored in said storage unit, to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained by said discrimination unit.

Claim 2 and 3. (canceled)

Claim 4. (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said discrimination unit discriminates a data amount of the data inputted by said input unit.

Claim 5 - 9. (cancelled)

Claim 10. (currently amended): A data transmission method comprising:  
an input step, of inputting data;  
a transmission step, of transmitting the data inputted in said input step to a destination;  
a discrimination step, of discriminating an attribute of the data inputted in said input step;  
a storage step, of storing the data inputted in said input step as a file in a storage unit; and  
a control step, of controlling a transmission operation in said transmission step in accordance with a discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step,  
wherein said control step includes selectively controlling a transmission operation such that, in said transmission step, the data inputted in said input step is transmitted to the destination, or such that, in said transmission step, storage location information and a message indicative of an access manner for accessing the file, which is

stored in the storage unit, is transmitted to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 11. (cancelled)

Claim 12. (currently amended): A storage medium storing a computer-readable program for implementing a data transmission method, wherein the method comprises:

an input step, of inputting data;

a transmission step, of transmitting the data inputted in said input step to a destination;

a discrimination step, of discriminating an attribute of the data inputted in said input step;

a storage step, of storing the data inputted in said input step as a file in a storage unit; and

a control step, of controlling a transmission operation in said transmission step in accordance with a discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step,

wherein said control step includes selectively controlling a transmission operation such that, in said transmission step, the data inputted in said input step is transmitted to the destination, or such that, in said transmission step, storage location information and a message indicative of an access manner for accessing the file, which is stored in the storage unit, is transmitted to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 13. (cancelled)